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**Commission Position Statement  
Second Substitute Senate Bill 5037 &  
Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1031  
March 18, 2005**

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 10, 2005, the Commission voted unanimously to support the recent amendments to Second Substitute Senate Bill 5037 and Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1031, which provide a permanent funding source to address problem and pathological gambling. The legislative proposals were requested by Former Governor Locke as a result of a Work Group convened last summer. The Commission supports the concept outlined in the proposal and applauds these efforts.

The amendments in Section 9 address the concerns the Commissioners previously had about the possibility of creating an unfunded liability for the agency. The substitute bills now provide that the Commission "may" raise fees to "assist" with problem gambling treatment if the proposed tax is later repealed or is no longer in effect.